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Dear Bedell:

Some time ago I approved a request from your office for an officer of my staff, [redacted] I believe orders have now issued transferring him to you on 8 July.

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[redacted] has a long and splendid record of performance in difficult and exacting tasks. During the past three years he has been chief of my plans office dealing in matters which, needless to say, are both complex and very important. He has served, for example, as my direct representative in development of top level joint logistics plans. As my efficiency reports on him show, he has handled his duties in an outstanding manner.

You will find in this officer both exemplary loyalty and extraordinary devotion to duty. His work is invariably complete and precise to the finest detail.

I point out the value of this officer because you will doubtless wish to make the best use of his ability, and as you know, personnel records sometimes fail to present the whole story.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

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